

Kansas Oral Health Grade Poor

An Oral Health America survey of the 50 states scored the nation and Kansas with a grade of D for oral health for older citizens. Medicaid service reimbursement rates in Kansas and 39 other states had a grade of F. Older adult private dental coverage in Kansas had a grade of C compared to the U.S. grade of D.

The survey, funded in part by the W.K Kellogg Foundation, concluded, "Limited access to oral health care poses one of the greatest crises for the health and well being of America's elderly." A copy of the full report is on the Internet and can be obtained at <http://www.oralhealthamerica.org/Report%20Card.htm>.